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1. Border Patrols.

Two border guards patrol a route of approximately one kilometer along the border in the Alsószőlősk (Y3/045) area. In addition, observation patrols are posted at various points along the border. Observation points, established by the commanding officer, are usually a tree, bush, or ditch which offers good cover and at the same time permits observation of a stretch of the border. The hidden guards, armed with automatic pistols and machine guns in the event of an alert, are rotated daily. The duty hours for patrolling guards also vary from day to day.

2. Communications.

The Alsószőlősk area has recently been equipped with telephones for communication between patrols, watchtowers, and headquarters, replacing the previous system of using colored flares for signaling in cases of penetration or trouble along the border. The telephones are concealed in the milestones and concrete boxes resembling milestones; the wires are strung on trees and poles. The patrol or guard on duty carries the keys to the telephones which are kept under lock when not in use.

3. Plowed Strip.

Footprints left in the plowed strip by authorized personnel are marked in the following way. In soft ground, the left footprint closest to the fence and facing inward has an "X" placed in the heel. If the ground is hard, a 10 to 14 inch stick is placed in the same spot. This practice is used in general along the border as well as at Alsószőlősk.

4. Border Guard Raids.

When unmarked footprints are found or an intruder is sighted in the area, the entire guard unit is alerted. A prearranged plan cuts off the border segment up to a depth of five to seven kilometers beyond the adjacent village or two.

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An alert lasts until the investigation is completed. If an alert fails in its purpose, the troops are put on a preparedness basis which sometimes lasts for months. During a preparedness period, additional guards are put on patrol, the frequency of patrol rounds are increased, and additional hidden guards are set out.

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